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LONDON FOR SEITZ

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, KE, AG
SUBJECT: KENYA CONTINUES TO FAVOR NATIONAL UNITY FOR ANGOLA

REF STATE 30983, STATE 31037

1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS TWO REFTELS, POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON ACTING PERMSEC MFA KITI TO EMPHASIZE THAT U.S. POSITION ON ANGOLA REMAINS UNCHANGED. WASHPOST VERSION OF SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH GARBA DID NOT RPT NOT RECEIVE LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE, NOR DID ANGOLA ASPECTS OF SECRETARY'S SAN FRANCISCO SPEECH. WE THEREFORE USED OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW OUT KITI ON CURRENT KENYAN VIEWS AFTER MAKING POINTS CONTAINED PARA 2 STATE 31037.

2. KITI SAID HE AGREED ENTIRELY WITH U.S. THAT MPLA WOULD NOT GAIN ACCEPTANCE OF GREAT NUMBER OF ANGOLANS LIVING IN SOUTH. AN MPLA "VICTORY" WL LD NOT PUT AN END TO BLOODSHED. KENYA REMAINED FIRMLY IN FAVOR OF A
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NATIONAL UNITY SOLUTION. KITI THEN ADDUCED RATHER

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LEGALISTIC ARGUMENT THAT ALL THREE ANGOLAN FACTIONS HAD MET TWICE UNDER KENYAN AUSPICES (IN MOMBASA AND NAKURU) AND HAD PUT THEIR AGREEMENT DOWN ON PAPER TO WORK TOWARD NATIONAL UNITY. KENYA CONTINUED TO RE-GARD THSE AGREEMENTS AS CORRECT BASIS FOR LONG-TERM ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT, AND WOULD NOT CHANGE THIS POSI-TION UNLESS ALL THREE FACTIONS AGREE ON EOMETHING TO REPLACE MOMBASA AND NAKURU ANCORDS.

3.
CAVING STATED OFFICIAL KENYA POSITION, KITI VOLUNTEERED ON PERSONAL BASIS OPINION THAT FNLA AND UNITA ARE NOT LIKELY TO FARE WELL AT FORTHCOMING OAU CM MEETINT IN ADDIS ABABA. ONLY IF U.S. MOVED DE-CISIVELY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ACTUALLY DELIVER SOME EQUIPMENT BEFORE CM WOULD THERE BE MUCH CHANCE OF KEEP-ING THE DOOR OPEN FOR FNLA AND UNITA IN OAU. KITI THOUGHT OAU WOULD PROBABLY RECOGNIZE MPLA AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA, WHICH WOULD THEN PLACE U.S. IN POSITION OF OPPOSING AFRICA AS A WHOLE IF IT TRIED TO SUPPORT MPLA'S RIVALS.

4. KITI PROMISED TO BRIEF FONMIN WAIYAKI ON U.S. RESTATEMENT OF POSITION, USING COPY OF TALKING POINTS LEFT WITH HIM. HE INQUIRED WHAT FORM OVERT ASSISTANCE MIGHT TAKE IF APPROVED BY CONGRESS. WE ASSURED HIM IT WOULD BE MONEY AND/OR EQUIPMENT, NOT U.S. FORCES. MARSHALL

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